

Curriculum vitae

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Prof. Dr. Volker Gruhn

Academic degree: Dr.

Occupation: Head of the Software Engineering Department at University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Place of residence: Dortmund, Germany

Personal details

Year of birth (age): 1963 (62)

Nationality: German

Disclosures relating to the membership of the Supervisory Board of adesso SE

Member since: 25/07/2006

Last appointment: Election at the Annual General Meeting on 03/06/2025

End of term: Elected until the end of the Annual General Meeting that decides on the discharge of the members of the Supervisory Board for the financial year 2029

Position: Chairperson of the Supervisory Board, Chairperson of the Nomination Committee

Training and professional career

Prof. Dr. Volker Gruhn was a co-founder of adesso SE in 1997 and is now the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board. He is Head of the Software Engineering Department at University of Duisburg-Essen. His research focuses on software processes for the development of data-driven and mobile applications as well as cyber-physical systems. Prof. Dr. Gruhn is the author and co-author of more than 450 national and international publications and conference contributions. He is member of the University Council of Leipzig University and member of the board of trustees of the Fraunhofer-Institute for Software and System Technology. Furthermore he is member of the advisory council of the BIPRO initiative. The BIPRO initiative is an association of finance companies that aim to optimize cross-company processes by developing functional and technical standards.

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards and of similar supervisory bodies of companies in Germany and abroad

Chairperson of the Supervisory Board of Staige One AG, Essen, Germany

Member of the Business Council of Borussia Dortmund

Member of the University Council of the University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

Personal and/or business relationships with adesso SE, the company's executive bodies and/or a major shareholder of the company

Prof. Dr. Gruhn is closely associated with adesso SE as a founder and long-standing Chairman of the Supervisory Board as well as indirectly through a company controlled by him as the main shareholder. Furthermore, adesso SE has concluded a consultancy agreement with Prof. Dr. Gruhn at arm's length conditions.